

November 27, 2002

Ex Parte Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access
 to the Internet Over Cable Facilities, CS Docket No. 02-52;
 Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over
 Wireline Facilities, CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 25, 2002, Paul Schroeder, Sylvia Rosenthal and I, representatives of the Alliance for Public Technology (APT), met with: Tom Chandler, Cheryl King, Gregory Hlibok, Amelia Brown and Susan Magnotti of the Disability Rights Office.

In this conversation, APT addressed its concerns about accessibility in broadband services for people with disabilities, citing information from APT's filings in the above-captioned dockets. APT discussed the potential loss of accessibility rules if broadband is classified as an information service. The accessibility rules crafted in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 should be maintained in the broadband world, and we urged the Disability Rights Office to examine options for including accessibility provisions in the new broadband rules being considered in these proceedings.

In accordance with FCC rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the above captioned docket.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Bennett
Policy Director